WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 1. A logic circuit comprising an arithmetic logic unit (ALU) performing a logical operation or an arithmetical operation, and a control circuit controlling said ALU, wherein said control circuit receives, as an input, a program including a plurality of instructions defining the type of an operation to be executed on an ALU and information showing a dependency between said plurality of instructions and controls said ALU according to said program.
- 2. The logic circuit according to claim 1, wherein said control circuit decides an execution order of said plurality of instructions according to said information showing a dependency to supply the executable one of said plurality of instructions to said ALU.
- 3. The logic circuit according to claim 2, wherein said information showing a dependency is information on an antecedent instruction which must have been executed in order to execute the corresponding one of said plurality of instructions,

said control circuit decides whether said antecedent instruction is executed.

- 4. The logic circuit according to claim 2, wherein said logic circuit has a plurality of said ALUs, said control circuit outputs the executable ones of said plurality of instructions to said ALUs in parallel.
- 5. The logic circuit according to claim 1, wherein said logic circuit is a re-configurable processor, said ALUs include a plurality types of operations and

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said program includes definition of data used as an input and output of an operation, specification of said operation type to said ALU, specification of a connection state of wiring between said arrayed ALUs, and information on input data necessary for the corresponding one of said arrayed ALUs to perform an operation,

said control circuit controls the connection state of wiring between said arrayed ALUs according to said inputted program to decide whether said corresponding ALU is executable.

- 6. A program which allows a logic circuit having an ALU performing a logical operation or an arithmetical operation and a control circuit controlling the ALU to execute a desired operation by giving an instruction to said ALU via said control circuit, comprising an instruction defining the type of an operation to be executed on said ALU and instructions defining the types of operations to be executed on a plurality of ALUs, wherein an execution order dependency existing in said instruction or between said instructions is described.
- 7. The program according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of instructions or instruction blocks having said instructions are defined, and an execution order dependency between said instruction blocks is described.
- 8. The program according to claim 6 or 7, which describes:

an execution order dependency existing in said instruction or between said instructions or said

instruction blocks;

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operations having said instruction, said instructions or said instruction blocks;

data of an input or output of said instruction, said instructions, or said instruction blocks;

a relation between said operations and data necessary for executing said operations; and

a relation between said operations and data generated by said operations.

- 9. The program according to claim 6, wherein in order to start an operation or operations defined by said instruction or said instructions, an antecedent instruction which must have been executed is described.

 10. The program according to any one of claims 6 to 9, which is intended for a re-configurable processor having said arrayed ALUs and controlling operation by specification of an operation type to said ALU and specification of
- 11. The program according to claim 10, wherein an instruction block defined by specifying, to one or more ALUs, definition of data used as an input and output of an operation, specification of an operation type to said ALU,

connection between said ALUs.

and specification of wiring between said ALUs, has information on input data necessary for performing an operation.